

Inventory & Ordering

Beyond Use Date (BUD) Label Instructions

Some vaccines have a beyond use date or time. The **beyond use date (BUD)** is different from the expiration date. The BUD is the last date or time that a vaccine can be safely used after it has been moved from one storage state to another (e.g., frozen to refrigerated) or prepared for patient use.

Unlike the expiration date that is determined by the manufacturer, the BUD is determined by the health care provider using guidance provided by the manufacturer.


Not all vaccines have BUDs. Examples of instances when BUDs are used include reconstituted vaccines, multidose vials, and manufacturer-shortened expiration dates.

Use this BUD label (see image below) to keep track of the use by date in these situations.

To use the BUD labels:

1. Fill out the label with the product name and lot number, place a checkmark if the product is for adults or pediatric patients, and add the initials of the person filling out the label.
2. The “Date Placed in Fridge” is the date the vaccine was thawed if being moved from a freezer.
3. Consult the package insert or the manufacturer instructions to determine the beyond use date (BUD) and write this date in the “Use By Date” section.
4. Place the BUD sticker on the box or container holding the vaccine whose expiration date is changing.

When the Beyond Use Date has passed, remove the vaccine from your unit, mark it as “**do not use**,” and [process a return](#) for any unused vials as you would for expired vaccine.



Product _____

Adult Pediatrics Lot Number _____

Today's Date _____ **Use By Date** _____

Initials _____

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